IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Emmanuel FRANCES**

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TRANSMISSION DOWNSHIFT USED FOR POWER BRAKING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 30, 2006

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.